REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	13 March 2001
Name of applicant/court:	The Film and Video Labelling Body Inc.
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Roadshow Entertainment (NZ) Ltd
Title of Publication:	Dogma
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Kevin Smith
Producer:	Scott Mosier
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	DVD
Country of Origin:	USA
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined:

		Running time:
Menu:	Play Movie Scene Selection Special Features English Subtitles	
Feature	Dogma	123.10
Other Moving Components:	Roadshow Entertainment Notice	0.10
	Copyright Warning/Age Restriction Notice	0.18
	Dolby Digital Notice	0.31
	Roadshow Entertainment Notice	0.10
	Kevin Smith	5.28
	Linda Fiorentino	2.38
	Ben Affleck	5.04
	Salma Hayek	3.04
	Dogma	2.28
	Total Running time:	143.01

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

No.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 16 years.

Display Conditions:

Nil.

Descriptive Note:

Contains violence, sexual references and offensive language.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: 12 March 2001

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The DVD *Dogma* is classified as:
Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 16 years.

The publication is a DVD containing a feature that is identical to a feature contained on a 35mm film of the same title (OFLC No.100176) which has been previously classified by the Office of Film and Literature Classification. The decision was registered on 5 March 2000. The classification of that film was objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 16 years, with the descriptive note 'Contains violence, sexual references and offensive language.'

The DVD contains a number of other components, such as a trailer and interviews with the director and stars of the feature. The interview components are informative, reinforce the artistic merit in the feature and put some of the religious issues arising from the feature into context. However, they do nothing to lessen the impact of the violence and the high extent of sexual references and offensive language appearing in the feature. Therefore, the extra components do not add anything that would result in the DVD receiving a different classification to that given to the film. Consequently, the DVD is also classified as objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 16 years.

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